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1. Poloff, USAID Chief of Health Office, Meri Sinnitt and Project Management Specialist, Eshete Yilma delivered reftel points and shared the International Health Regulations (IHR) plan with Ministry of Health (MoH) officials on April 17th. The MoH has in place a System Integrated Disease and Surveillance Response that tracks twenty-three diseases (including malaria) nation-wide. Information is also systematically collected at the Kebele (village) as well as Woreda (district) levels by health workers. There is also a government of Ethiopia (GoE) Avian Human Influenza Preparedness and Response Task Force, which is organized into three subcommittees of varying capacities: resource mobilization, disease prevention, and control advocacy/communication. PolOff, Sinnitt and Yilma met with Dr. Berhanu Amare, Avian Influenza Coordinator, and Dr. Daddi Jima, the Associate Head of Vector-Borne disease Prevention and Control Team. We were instructed to direct any further follow up questions to Dr. Kebba Jaiteh, Ethiopia's Emergency Humanitarian Action (EHA) Officer at WHO.
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